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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stefano COLLOCA) Re: Preliminary Amendment
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herewith)
International Application No:)
PCT/IT99/00356)
International Filing Date:)
8 November 1999) Our Ref.: B-4175PCT 618769-8
For: "CELLS FOR THE PRODUCTION)
OF HELPER DEPENDENT ADENOVIRAL)
VECTORS, METHOD FOR THE)
PREPARATION AND USE THEREOF") Date: May 4, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claims 7-10, 15-18, 20, 22-24, and 27 with new amended Claims 7-10, 15-18, 20, 22-24, and 27, which are set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how Claims 7-10, 15-18, 20, 22-24, and 27 were amended to produce new amended Claims 7-10, 15-18, 20, 22-24, and 27.)

7. (Amended) Cells according to claim 4, wherein said virus is Epstein-Barr virus, the origin of replication is OriP and the activating factor is EBNA-1.